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TO: Pharmacy Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Pharmacy Regulations

Please Share This Information With Administrative, Clinical, Billing/IT Staff and Trading Partners.

The Nebraska Medicaid regulations for Pharmacy Services found at 471 NAC 16 have been updated. These revisions include changes to regulations related to quantities for certain drugs, automatic refills, prior authorization and replaces Average Wholesale Price (AWP) with Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) in the determination of estimated acquisition cost. The regulations may be accessed on the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services website, [http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg\\_t471.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_t471.aspx)

The Estimated Acquisition Cost (EAC) for Nebraska Medicaid pharmacy claims is now defined as Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) plus 6.8 percent. Claims with date of submission equal to or greater than March 30, 2012, will use WAC plus 6.8 percent in the pricing calculation instead of AWP plus 11 percent. Claims must be submitted within 1 year from the date of service.

Providers should also be aware that the new regulations limit coverage of all controlled substances to a maximum 30 day supply of medication. Non-controlled oral maintenance medications will still be allowed up to a maximum 90 day supply.

Automatic refills are prohibited. Requests for each fill or refill must be initiated by the Medicaid client or the client's agent at the time of fill.

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